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LINE MANAGEMENT )

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Sir:

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Assignee, Verizon Data Services, Inc., duly organized under the laws of Delaware and having its principal place of business at 7701 E. Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, Florida, 33637, and Assignee, Telesector Resources Group, Inc., duly organized under the laws of Delaware and having its principal place of business at 140 West Street, New York, New York, 10007, (hereinafter "Assignees") represent that they are joint Assignees of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/720,971 (hereinafter "the '971 application"), filed November 24, 2003, for METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR LINE MANAGEMENT, as indicated by assignments duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 016108, Frame 0904, on April 16, 2004, and at Reel 016108, Frame 0449, on September 16, 2004.

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